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SUBJECT: FOLLOW-UP TO LAGOS ANTI-APARTHEID CONFERENCE

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1. DEPARTMENT BELIEVES THAT LAGOS CONFERENCE WAS
MOST SUCCESSFUL FROM U.S. POINT OF VIEW AND WISHES
COMMEND ALL THOSE WHO TOOK PART IN THIS EFFORT. ALTHOUGH
FINAL DECLARATION DOES CONTAIN ITEMS WHICH ARE UNACCEPT-
ABLE TO U.S. (AS POINTED OUT IN LAGOS 6863), DEPARTMENT
WAS PLEASED TO NOTE THAT FINAL DECLARATION WAS IN
GENERAL BETTER FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW THAN ORIGINAL

DRAFT (USUN 2630).

2. NIGERIANS OBVIOUSLY PLAYED KEY ROLE IN ASSURING ACCEPTABLE OUTCOME OF CONFERENCE, AND DEPARTMENT NOTES THAT OUR APPRECIATION FOR NIGERIAN ROLE HAS BEEN CONVEYED TO GON AT HIGH LEVEL BY AMBASSADOR YOUNG AND OTHERS. DEPARTMENT BELIEVES THAT EMBASSY LAGOS SHOULD AT APPROPRIATE TIME REITERATE OUR VIEW THAT RESPONSIBLE AND CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE PLAYED BY NIGERIANS BEFORE AND DURING CONFERENCE WAS CONSISTENT WITH LEADERSHIP STATUS WHICH NIGERIA IS INCREASINGLY PLAYING IN AFRICAN AFFAIRS. (USUN MAY WISH TO CONVEY SIMILAR MESSAGE TO AMBASSADOR HARRIMAN.)

3. DEPARTMENT NOTES THAT COOPERATION BETWEEN WESTERN DELEGATIONS AT LAGOS, IN PARTICULAR MEMBERS OF CONTACT GROUP, WAS BOTH CLOSE AND EFFECTIVE. WE SUGGEST THAT USUN MAKE POINT AT EARLY MEETING OF CONTACT GROUP TO EXPRESS OUR APPRECIATION FOR EFFORTS OF OTHER CONTACT GROUP DELEGATIONS IN LAGOS AND COMMENT ON IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO ITS CONTINUING EFFECTIVENESS. FOR BONN, LONDON, OTTAWA AND PARIS: YOU MIGHT CONVEY SAME MESSAGE.

4. FOR TEL AVIV: AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, ZIONISM-RACISM-APARTHEID ISSUE DID NOT EMERGE AS MAJOR ISSUE AT CONFERENCE, DESPITE EARLIER FEARS. NONETHELESS, WE CONFIDENTIAL

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BELIEVE EMBASSY TEL AVIV SHOULD USE NEXT APPROPRIATE OPPORTUNITY TO ADVISE ISRAELIS THAT: (A) WE MADE SERIOUS EFFORT TO PERSUADE CONFERENCE ORGANIZERS TO REVERSE DECISION NOT TO INVITE WJC. ALTHOUGH THESE EFFORTS FAILED, WE BELIEVE THEY CONTRIBUTED TO ORGANIZERS' DECISION NOT TO INVITE WORLD ISLAMIC CONFERENCE; (B) WE MADE MAJOR EFFORT AT LAGOS TO AVOID ZIONISM-APARTHEID LINKAGE AND ARE PLEASED THAT EFFORT WAS SUCCESSFUL. ONE REASON FOR THAT SUCCESS WAS AFRICAN (AND ESPECIALLY NIGERIAN) COOPERATION

5. FOR CAIRO: DEPARTMENT UNDERSTANDS THAT ARAB DECISION NOT TO PRESS ZIONISM-APARTHEID ISSUE AT LAGOS WAS MADE LARGELY IN RESPONSE TO INDICATIONS FROM NIGERIANS THAT THEY WOULD OPPOSE SUCH AN EFFORT. HOWEVER, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT OUR PRE-CONFERENCE INTERVENTION WITH THE EGYPTIANS HAD THE EFFECT OF COOLING THEIR ENTHUSIASM FOR SUCH A RESOLUTION. IF EMBASSY CAIRO BELIEVES IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE, WE SEE NO OBJECTION IN EXPRESSING OUR APPRECIATION FOR WHATEVER MODERATING INFLUENCE EGYPTIANS MIGHT HAVE HAD ON BEHAVIOR OF ARAB DELEGATIONS AT LAGOS CONFERENCE. EMBASSY COULD ALSO NOTE MODERATE TONE OF

BOTH PLENARY SPEECH AND OTHER STATEMENTS BY EGYPTIAN
DELEGATION.

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